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Yesterday's Town Hall on Undocumented & International Students - Addendum

Yesterday, we posted about the UCLA Town Hall on undocumented and international students, including a recording thereof. One of the points we noted was a statement that in the past week, UCLA knew of no additional students with revoked visas. (That is, there were no more than had been previously known.) But it appears that there was some news during the past week which UCLA was aware of before the Town Hall.



According to the [LA Times](#), a female UCLA student was detained last week trying to cross back into the US from Mexico.* The [LA Times](#) quotes Mary Osako, the emcee for the Town Hall, in the article which is dated yesterday at 10:44 AM. The Town Hall followed at 2 PM.

Technically, it is not clear that the detention at the border was due to a revoked visa. But still, the message that nothing new had recently happened was misleading.

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"UCLA has learned that an international graduate student was detained by United States Customs and Border Protection while attempting to enter the United States from Mexico," Mary Osako, UCLA vice chancellor for strategic communications, said in a statement to The Times. "The student remains in the custody of CBP and we are actively working to learn more information. Our international students are an essential part of our Bruin community, and we remain fully committed to supporting their ability to learn and thrive at UCLA." Source: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-04-17/ucla-international-student-detained-us-mexico-border>.



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Friday, April 18, 2025

There May Be Some Fireworks

As blog readers will know, the Assembly of the systemwide Academic Senate held a special meeting on March 25th to discuss two motions. One, dealing with the issue of having UC-wide single academic calendar, never to a vote and was thus put on the agenda of the next regularly-

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scheduled Assembly meeting of April 23rd. The other, dealing with the gap in timing between general pay adjustments of faculty vs. administrators, was put to a vote and failed. This item, however, was largely symbolic of concerns about excessive administrative salaries. As a result, a more direct motion has been put on the agenda by petition concerning such excesses.* At least over the second proposal, there may be some fireworks.

Both proposals are up for votes on

April 23rd. Below is the language of each:

1. Motion on a Divisional Vote Regarding a UC Systemwide Academic Calendar

Background: The motion was discussed at the March 25, 2025 Assembly special meeting. However, the meeting lost quorum before a vote could be taken on the amended motion. The language of the motion is as follows:

The Representative Assembly of the Academic Senate recommends that each UC campus vote (according to any method authorized by the Division's bylaws) to decide whether the faculty wishes to adopt a "common calendar" for its specific campus or remain on its current calendar system.

Discussion format: Assembly members and other Senate attendees will have the opportunity to engage in Q&A, provide input, and share their perspectives. Assembly members will vote on the motion.

2. Motion to Adopt Resolution Regarding Senior Administrator Compensation

Background: A motion calling for all University of California administrators at the dean level and above to receive salary range adjustments at the same time as the regular faculty was discussed at the March 25, 2025 special Assembly meeting. However, the motion failed. Senate petitioners have requested discussion and action on a new motion:

Whereas there is significant concern among faculty regarding the disproportionate compensation of senior administrators, with increases far exceeding those granted to faculty

And whereas this situation raises fundamental questions about fairness, principles of equity, financial responsibility, and institutional priorities.

Be it, therefore, resolved that the Academic Senate urges the University of California to explore measures to cap, reduce, or restructure excessive administrative salaries, especially considering financial austerity and the need to effectively allocate resources to support faculty, students, and academic programs.

Discussion format: Assembly members and other Senate attendees will have the opportunity to engage in Q&A, provide input, and share their perspectives. Assembly members will vote on the motion.

Source: https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/assembly/assembly-agenda-4-23-25.pdf (Item VIII).

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*A complete list of signatories can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeu_sleedVWf-8PEPkrNHRGrIS0XPwE8BqmDpmgPLstghanA/viewform.

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Note: As we have noted in the past, the position of officialdom is that there is no proposal to force all campuses to adopt a common calendar. But it appears that topic is at least simmering somewhere. Senate Chair Cheung made it clear that he did not like the original proposal about the gap in timing of pay increases between faculty and administrators. It is likely that he is even less happy with the more direct proposal.

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**Student and Exchange Visitor Program
Student Records Request**

It is a privilege to have foreign students attend Harvard University, not a guarantee. The United States Government understands that Harvard University relies heavily on foreign student funding from over 10,000 foreign students to build and maintain their substantial endowment. At the same time, your institution has created a hostile learning environment for Jewish students due to Harvard's failure to condemn antisemitism. As a reminder, President Donald J. Trump issued Executive Order 14188, which specifies that "it shall be the policy of the United States to combat anti-Semitism vigorously, using all available and appropriate legal tools, to prosecute, remove, or otherwise hold to account the perpetrators of unlawful anti-Semitic harassment and violence." EO 14188 (Jan 29, 2025).

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) regularly monitors SEVP-approved schools to determine their compliance with governing regulations, and to ensure the accuracy of information in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) for such institutions, and for the nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors attending school. Your continued SEVP certification is contingent upon meeting the requirements of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), set out in *Title 8 Code of Federal Regulations (8 CFR)*. SEVP may request information regarding nonimmigrant students from certified schools under 8 CFR § 214.3(a)(1). Your school must submit the following information to our office on or before April 30, 2025:

1. Provide relevant information regarding each student visa holder's known illegal activity, and whether the activity occurred on campus.
2. Provide relevant information regarding each student visa holder's known dangerous or violent activity, and whether the activity occurred on campus.
3. Provide relevant information regarding each student visa holder's known threats to other students or university personnel, and whether the activity occurred on campus.
4. Provide relevant information regarding each student visa holder's known deprivation of rights of other classmates or university personnel, and whether the activity occurred on campus.

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5. Provide relevant information on whether any student visa holders have left Harvard University due to dangerous or violent activity or deprivation of rights, and whether the activity occurred on campus.
6. Provide relevant information on whether any student visa holders have had disciplinary actions taken as a result of making threats to other students or populations or participating in protests, which impacted their nonimmigrant student status.
7. Provide relevant information regarding each student visa holder's obstruction of the school's learning environment.
8. Provide relevant information regarding each student visa holder's maintenance of at least the minimum required coursework to maintain nonimmigrant student status.

Providing materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent information may subject you to criminal prosecution under 18 USC § 1001. Other possible criminal and civil violations may be applicable.

SEVP uses the school's Principal Designated School Official (PDSO) as the main point of contact on any issues that relate to the school's compliance with the regulations, per 8 CFR § 214.3(a)(1)(ii). Therefore, any requests from SEVP with relation to compliance with the recordkeeping, retention, reporting and other requirements of paragraphs (f), (g), (j), (k), and (l) of 8 CFR § 214.3 must be submitted by the PDSO who must also sign the attached attestation statement. The attestation statement will certify the evidence was submitted by the PDSO.

Failure to comply with this Student Records Request will be treated as a voluntary withdrawal, per 8 CFR § 214.3(a)(5)(iv). Therefore, in the event the school fails to respond to this request within the timeframe provided above, SEVP will automatically withdraw the school's certification. The withdrawal will not be subject to appeal.

Harvard University must confirm receipt of this request immediately via email at SupportSEVP@ice.dhs.gov.

Any questions regarding this request may be sent to SEVP Support at SupportSEVP@ice.dhs.gov.
subject line: **Question: Harvard University - BOS214F00162000 - Student Records Request.**

All requested evidence must be submitted at one time via e-mail to SupportSEVP@ice.dhs.gov, subject line: **Attention: Harvard University - BOS214F00162000 - Student Records Request.** SEVP cannot accept any documentation from a third-party server such as Dropbox or Google Drive. All documents submitted to SEVP should be in a Portable Document Format (PDF). Please visit this [website](#) for guidelines to submitting PDF documents.

Sincerely,

Jerri Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security

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Evidence Attestation Statement

I, _____, Primary Designated School Official (PDSO) of _____, an institution certified by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), attest the following is true:

As PDSO, I am the point of contact for any issues that relate to the school's compliance with the regulations relating to nonimmigrant students and SEVP-certified schools per 8 CFR § 214.3(d)(10). I understand SEVP may review my institution's certification at any time and may request documentation to establish my institution's eligibility for certification as well as review evidence and records for compliance with the regulations. I am responsible for any requests for documentation or evidence in connection with an out-of-cycle review on behalf of my institution.

Additionally, I attest:

- I have read, understood, and will comply with all federal regulations relating to nonimmigrant students;
- I am a citizen / lawful permanent resident of the United States and maintain copies of a passport, birth certificate and/or green card for myself and all DSOs employed by my institution. Additionally, copies of these documents are readily accessible and are available to the SEVP upon request;
- I understand that willful misstatements may constitute perjury (18 USC § 1621);
- I understand that providing materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent information may subject me to criminal prosecution under 18 USC § 1001. Other possible criminal and civil violations may also be applicable; and
- I prepared the evidence sent to SEVP in response to its Request for Student Records dated April 16, 2023.

Printed name of PDSO _____ Signature of PDSO _____

Date _____

Source: <https://ia600402.us.archive.org/9/items/2-final-hjaa-report.-the-soil-beneath-the-encampments/Harvard%20-%20Letter%20from%20DHS%20on%20foreign%20students%204-16-25.pdf>.

NOTE: Clicking on the images above will clarify them.

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Labels: diversity, Harvard, politics

Yesterday's Town Hall on Undocumented & International Students

Yesterday's Town Hall on issues facing undocumented and international students was presented online with Mary Osako, VC for Strategic Communications, as the emcee. An audio link is available below in this post.



Before getting into the substance, yours truly must note that actually getting the Zoom link for the Town Hall after registering was a problem. There was no problem going through the registration process, but no link resulted. Emails to the Senate office went unanswered. A phone call to the Senate office produced a recording saying to use email. Re-registering using a different UCLA address eventually produced a link that required setting up a new Zoom account. All this suggests that many in the target audience who wanted to participate may not have succeeded.

The main messages were that no new reports of cancelled visas at UCLA appeared last week. Visa processing at US embassies and consulates now takes longer than in the past. There could be a new travel ban to selected countries according to rumors. International students were cautioned about international travel. ICE agents can operate on campus in public spaces. UCPD, however will not assist immigration agents. UCLA employees, if confronted with immigration agents requesting information should obtain their names, etc., ask if they have warrants, and get in touch with the general counsel's office. UCLA does not give out student information unless there is a legally-mandated request.

You can hear the Town Hall (actually a video with still pictures of the participants) at:

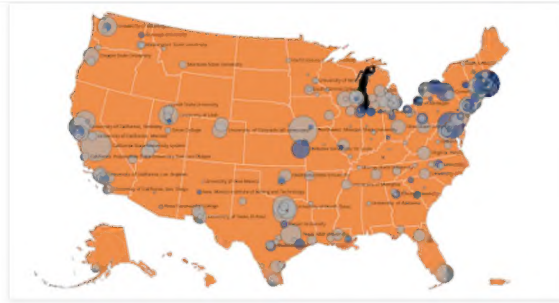
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Thursday, April 17, 2025

Cancelled



Inside Higher Ed today has the chart above - but in interactive format - of visa cancellations. If you go to

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/global/international-students-us/2025/04/07/where-students-have-had-their-visas-revoked>

and hover over the circles, the names of the various universities and the number of cancellations will appear.

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Some coming back

CalMatters reports that some cancelled NIH grants are being restored. UC itself seems to be maintaining a low profile concerning such issues:

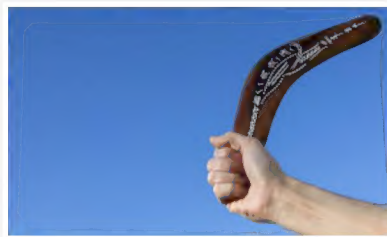
The National Institutes of Health reversed its termination of a \$36 million grant to a UC Davis researcher studying dementia, a day after CalMatters wrote about the cancelled grant and the researcher filed an appeal. The National

Institutes of Health cancelled the grant last month, following the Trump administration's ban on federal spending on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

Charles DeCarli, a neurologist at UC Davis and lead researcher on the project, got a notice from the agency Friday morning that he could again use the grant's funds and conduct his research. The agency gave no reason for the reversal...

In addition to DeCarli's, other grants at the University of California were reinstated, said UC office of the President spokesperson Stett Holbrook on Saturday. He didn't indicate which ones were brought back or when those notices appeared. But at least one notable grant has yet to be restored: a project studying the benefits and risks of the shingles vaccine at UC San Francisco that received national media attention, said Kristen Bole, a spokesperson for UCSF, on Friday...

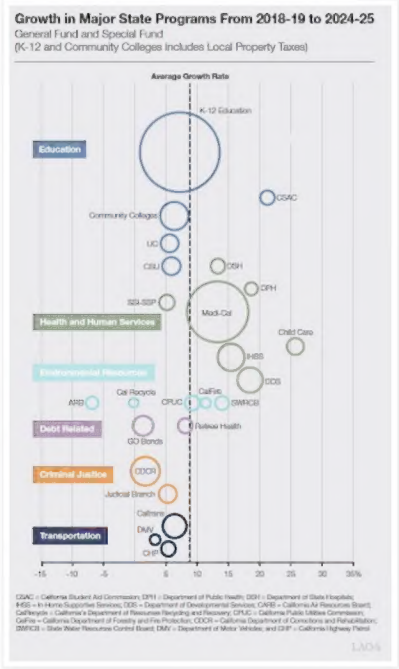
Full story at <https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2025/04/dementia/>.



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Bubble, Bubble, UC's Budget Trouble



The bubble chart above, from an email by Jason Sisney of the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) depicts that budget growth rate of various state programs from the pre-pandemic fiscal year to the current fiscal year. The bubbles indicate the various sizes of the programs.

UC has below-average growth and a small bubble.

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